



The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1301 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Regan:

The City of Denton is pleased to support the designation of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) as the lead applicant to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) planning grants on behalf of the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Metropolitan Statistical Area (DFW MSA) and neighboring jurisdictions. The City of Denton understands and supports that, as the lead applicant, the NCTCOG accepts responsibility and oversight for managing grant funds and coordinating activities and deliverables about the CPRG planning grants.

The CPRG program provides an unprecedented opportunity to advance environmental justice, increase energy security, and improve air quality. We believe the plans developed through this program will help the DFW MSA identify initiatives that comprehensively address air pollutants – not only greenhouse gases but also ozone precursors. This is especially important to the Dallas-Fort Worth ozone nonattainment area, which was recently reclassified as severe nonattainment for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

The City of Denton looks forward to collaborating with the NCTCOG and other interested parties on

1. **Proposed Project No. 1** - Implementation of Traffic congestion and quality improvement initiative through Road Safety and Bike-Ped Improvements at Duchess and Loop 288 (I-35E) - Developing a signalized intersection at Duchess Drive and Loop 288 East of I-35, including bike-ped and road safety improvements for Bike-Ped crossing for the bike trail extending from Duchess across Loop 288. Exhibit A illustrates the Map of the proposed project.

Factors:

- Air Quality Improvements
 - Improved Access to Activity Centers
 - Improved Multimodal Access (Bike Lanes and Trails, ADA, Sidewalks)
 - Improved Intersection Safety for All Users
2. **Proposed Project No. 2** - Implementation of Traffic congestion and quality improvement initiative by adding on-street Bike Lanes for better bike-ped connectivity per City of Denton Mobility Plan guidelines, improved road safety, and ADA accessibility for University of North Texas Students for bike trips originating at the University of North Texas Campus and traversing through Denton Downtown terminating at the Denton Square. Exhibit B illustrates the Map of the proposed project.

OUR CORE VALUES

Inclusion • Collaboration • Quality Service • Strategic Focus • Fiscal Responsibility

Factors:

- Air quality improvements
- Improved connectivity for access to activity centers
- Improved multimodal access (Bike Lanes, ADA, Sidewalks)
- Improved multiple intersection safety for all road users
- Improved Access to Denton Historic District

3. **Proposed Project No. 3** - Implementation of Traffic congestion and quality improvement initiative by adding On-Street Bike Lanes for better bike-ped connectivity per City of Denton Mobility Plan guidelines, improved road safety, and ADA accessibility for Texas Woman's University (TWU) students for bike trips originating at the Texas Woman's University Campus and traversing through Denton Downtown terminating at the Denton Square. Exhibit C illustrates the Map of the proposed project.

Factors:

- Air quality improvements
- Improved connectivity for access to activity centers
- Improved multimodal access (Bike Lanes, ADA, Sidewalks)
- Improved multiple intersection safety for all road users
- Improved Access to Denton Historic District

Again, the City of Denton fully supports the NCTCOG as the lead applicant for the application to the CPRG planning grants on behalf of the DFW MSA. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

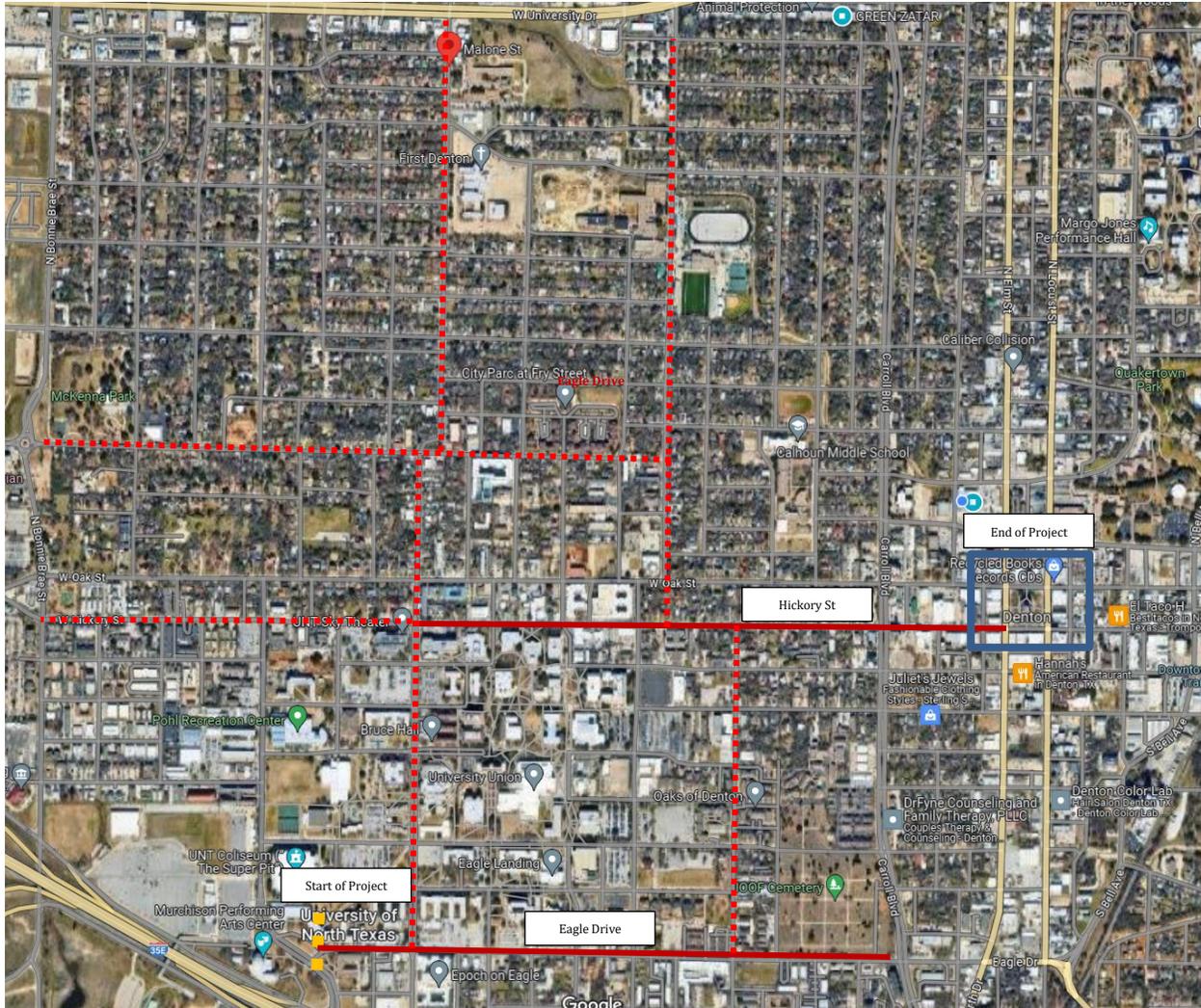

Sara Hensley
City Manager

EXHIBIT A – MAP OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT INTERSECTION OF DUCHESS AND LOOP 288 (I-35 E)



 Duchess and Loop 288 Intersection

EXHIBIT B – MAP OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT PROPOSED ON-STREET BIKE LANE IMPROVEMENTS IN DENTON DOWNTOWN AND UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS



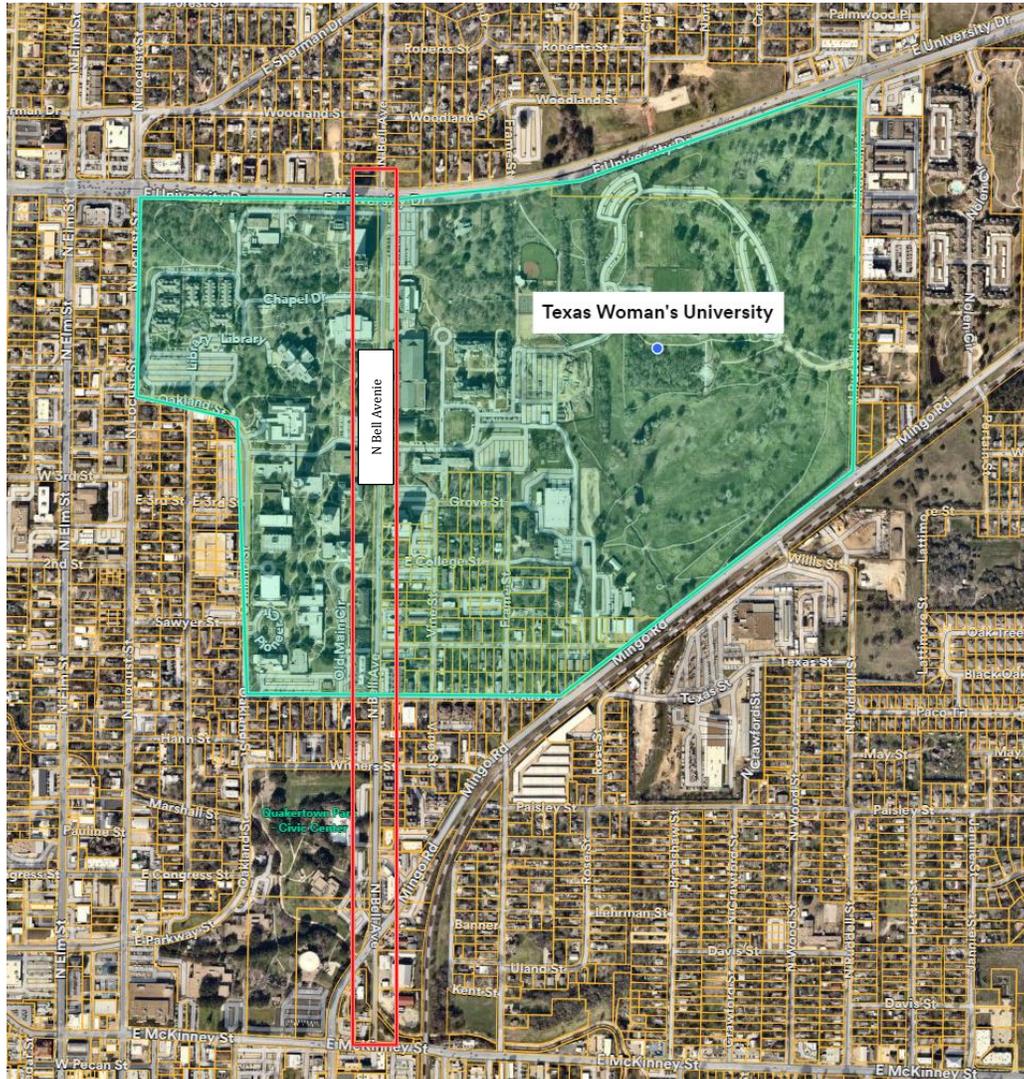
— Existing Bike Lanes Striping, Connectivity, and Safety Enhancements

- - - Proposed Bike Lane Alternatives Examples [Connectivity, Striping, and Road Safety Enhancements]

■ Start of Project

□ End of Project (Denton Square)

EXHIBIT C – MAP OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT PROPOSED ON-STREET BIKE LANE IMPROVEMENTS IN TEXAS WOMAN’S UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD AND DENTON DOWNTON



 The proposed Study Area around TWU

 The Bike Lane Corridor

EXHIBIT D: GENERALIZED COST ESTIMATES (JANUARY 24, 2024)

Proposed Project No. 1

1. Traffic Operations and Management [Optimization and Improvements]	\$ 1.5 M
2. Construction of New Bike Lanes and Safety Improvements	\$ 2.5 M
3. ADA Improvements and Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 1.0 M
Total	\$ 5.0 M

Proposed Project No. 2

1. Bike Lane Striping and Road Safety Enhancement (UNT – Denton Downtown)	\$5.0 M
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Proposed Project No. 3

1. Bike Lane Striping and Road Safety Enhancement (TWU – Denton Downtown)	\$5.0 M
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EXHIBIT E: TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION **

Project No. 1

Start Date: January 2025, Project Completion Date: December 2029

Project No. 2

Start Date: January 2025, Project Completion Date: December 2029

Project No. 3

Start Date: January 2025, Project Completion Date: December 2029

** including contracts/design/procurement/construction/closeout and final payments made